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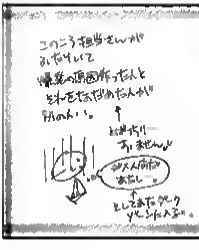

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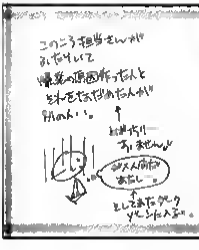

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NO..
WHAT..!!
...BYE BYE,
MASTER
.....!!
I CAN'T BREATHE..

SUZU-SAMA!
TORA..'S VOICE...?
...AAH
THIS SOFT FEELING...

WHY DO I FEEL SO PEACEFUL HERE?
I FELL INTO THE POOL
I DON'T KNOW...
AND WARM FEELING ..
THIS SWEET... SOFT

SUZU-SAMA
...TORA..?
DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE SAFE NOW. HOW DO YOU FEEL?
...THANK GOODNESS!

I REALIZED THAT THE PERSON WHO OPENED THE DOOR FOR US HAS THE SAME VOICE AS KARASUMA GENSEI
SO WE BROKE IN IMMEDIATELY. GLAD WE DID
...WHAT ABOUT SOUICHIRO!?
TAKA...?
I FELL INTO THE POOL AND...
YES, YOU DID. AND WE SAVED YOU SHORTLY AFTER.

...AH! SUZU-SAN.
YOU'VE WOKEN UP. THAT'S A RELIEF
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HE'D ALREADY LEFT WHEN WE GOT HERE

INUKAI-SAN... WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
THE SECURITY SYSTEM WAS ACTIVATED THE TIME THEY BROKE THROUGH THE DOOR, AND THE GUARDS CONTACTED ME ABOUT THIS INCIDENT
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

I UNDERSTAND THAT KAMEI-KUN WAS VICTIMIZED BY SOUICHIRO-SAN
WE SENT HIM TO THE HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY, BUT I THINK HE'LL NEED TO STAY THERE FOR QUITE A WHILE.
...TO OBTAIN EVERYTHING HE WANTS BY KILLING AND SNATCHING...
THAT PERSON WAS SERIOUS...
WAS SOUICHIRO ALSO THE CAUSE OF YOU FALLING INTO THE POOL?
KILLING AND SNATCHING...? YOU MEAN, ABOUT THE HAKUHOUEN FAMILY?
JUST A PROMISE TO HAND OVER FULL PRIVILEGES AS THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE TO YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND DOESN'T SATISFY HIM, IT SEEMS.
HEY! DO WE REALLY HAVE TIME TO TALK!?

SUZU-SAMA WILL CATCH A COLD IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HER!
OH THAT'S RIGHT... I FORGOT.
LET'S JUST HEAD STRAIGHT HOME FOR THE TIME BEING. CAN YOU WALK, SUZU?
I'M FINE...
AND TORA
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME

...TORA...?
NO
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WORTHY OF YOUR APPRECIATION
TORA IS ACTING STRANGELY
SOMEHOW
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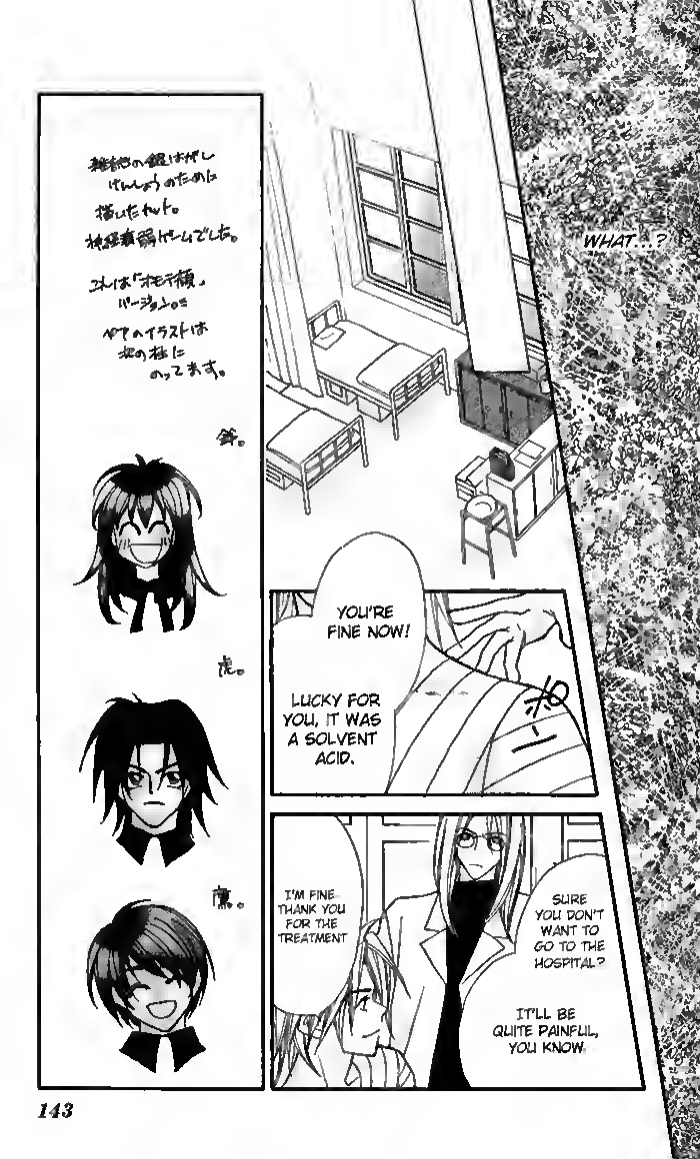
... THERE HE DID IT AG..IN ...

EVER SINCE YESTERDAY HE'S CONSTANTLY BEEN AVOIDING EYE CONTACT WITH ME
HE DOESN'T EVEN SPEAK TO ME
OBVIOUSLY, THAT WAS BECAUSE I'VE BROUGHT SO MANY TROUBLES TO HIM
YEAH
THAT MUST BE IT
IT'D BE WEIRD INSTEAD, IF HE DIDN'T PULL OUT OF THIS BEING WITH ME IS LIFE-THREATENING
...PERHAPS
SURPRISED ME A LITTLE
TORA'S ATTITUDE
WATCH OUT, SUZU-SAMA!!

WHA...
.....!!
TORA!!


WHAT...?
YOU'RE FINE NOW!
LUCKY FOR YOU, IT WAS A SOLVENT ACID.
I'M FINE... THANK YOU FOR THE TREATMENT
SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
IT'LL BE QUITE PAINFUL, YOU KNOW.
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EH..?
I'M... I'M SORRY
I WAS SPACING OUT AT THE TIME SO YOU GOT...
NO... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
AS LONG AS YOU'RE SAFE.
CLENCH
THEN
IF YOU'RE GOING TO AVOID ME LIKE THIS
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE STAYED BY MYSIDE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!!

I NEVER WISHED YOU TO PROTECT ME TO THIS EXTENT!!
...AND I...
HAA...
SUZU-SAMA!?
...I UNDERSTAND SO WELL, WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO ME IF TORA WASN'T AROUND
STILL, I DON'T WANT HIM TO GET HURT BECAUSE OF ME
AND THE MOST UNBEARABLE THING
IS FOR HIM TO KEEP AVOIDING ME

I COULD ENDURE ANYTHING
EXCEPT THAT...!!
...WHAT DID YOU SAY, MASTER?
I'LL MARRY YOU
THAT'S WHY
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THREATEN ME ANYMORE

I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE AUTHORITY IN THE HOUSE AND EVERY-THING YOU WANT!
SO...
OH? SO WHAT?
SAY ANYTHING YOU WANT
PLEADING FOR YOUR LIFE NOW?
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO SAY "THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE HOUSE"
AND OBEDIENTLY NEVER LAY MY HANDS ON YOU AGAIN?

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SOUICHIRO...
I'M FINE.
IMPORTANTLY, MASTER
IT'S KIND OF WEIRD IF YOU ARE PROPOSING MARRIAGE TO SOMEONE AND THEN REFUSING HIS KISS, DON'T YOU THINK?
REMEMBER THIS WELL.
I'VE NEVER HAD THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF MARRYING YOU

OH, LOOK YOUR SERVANTS ARE HERE.
BASTARD! WHAT DID YOU DO TO SUZU-SAMA..!!
...SUZU-SAMA!!
A-AH.. DON'T BE SO NOISY. I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING MAJOR TO HER.
UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU GUYS RIGHT NOW.
LET'S GO, GENSEI.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, SUZU-SAMA?
WHAT DID HE DO TO YOU!?
WHAT DID... HE DO TO ME...?
WHA...!
..HE.. KISSED ME..
...THAT WAS...
MY FIRST KISS..

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.....!!
FORGIVE ME, SUZU-SAMA!!

TORA?
STOP IT. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. .
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
A-ANYWAY! PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGY!!
TORA, YOUR APOLOGY MEANS NOTHING IF THE PERSON HERSELF DOESN'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE APOLOGIZING FOR
UH... I MEAN, I ALSO APOLOGIZE FOR BEING UNABLE TO PROTECT YOU, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I
NEED TO APOLOGIZE FOR
TH-THAT IS. .
SUZU
ACTUALLY, THE ONE WHO STOLE YOUR FIRST KISS WASN'T SOUICHIRO
BUT I. .
NO BUTS ISN'T IT BETTER THAN MISTAKING SOUICHIRO AS HER FIRST?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAD ANY AWFUL MOTIVE WHEN THAT HAPPENED

BACK THEN AT THE POOL, TORA SAVED YOU
BY GIVING YOU CPR. WHICH MEANS HE KISSED YOU
..TORA AND I...?

THEN, THAT TIME...
THAT SOFT AND WARM FEELING WAS TORA'S KISS !?
I TOLD YOU TO STOP, DIDN'T I!? THAT UPTIGHT SIDE OF YOURS.
DEATH IS THE ONLY WAY I COULD ATONE FOR MY...
WHATEVER THE REASON WAS... I'VE BEEN SO RUDE TO MY MASTER...
B-BUT... IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO TAKE SUCH AN INTIMATE ACT AS NORMAL, SO I..
BESIDES YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GAVE IT SO MUCH THOUGHT SO YOU AVOIDED HER, CAUSING THIS ACCIDENT BASICALLY IT'S YOUR ENTIRE FAULT!
OH REALLY!? IN SHORT, IT'D BE FINE WITH YOU IF IT WASN'T AN INTIMACY, RIGHT?

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T-TAKA..
WH-WHAT A-ARE YOU...!!
OKAY, OKAY, I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND

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WHO KISSED WHO IS NO MATTER NOW, I GUESS?
Ah ha ha ha
NOW, YOU CAN REST ASSURED SINCE EVERYONE GOT THEIR KISSES

.....
DON'T BOTHER YOURSELF WITH IT. JUST AS TAKA SAID, IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE
.....I'M SO SORRY, SUZU-SAMA..
...THOUGH, ACTUALLY IT WAS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT...

TORA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT? THOUGH IT'S KIND OF WEIRD FOR ME TO ASK
THAT STUPID BASTARD I CAN'T BELIEVE HE REALLY DID THAT.

I DIDN'T HAVE THIS FEELING
WHEN I THOUGHT THAT WAS SOUICHIRO WHO HAD MY FIRST KISS
AND NOW
THE TRUTH THAT TORA WAS ACTUALLY MY FIRST, RELIEVES ME A LOT...
HM!
AH!
...OW
...UH .. TORA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I'M REALLY SORRY. YOU'VE GOTTEN HURT BECAUSE OF ME AND NOW YOU HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF LIKE THIS...
YOU SHOULD TREASURE YOURSELF MORE THAN .
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE WE MET
YOU CARED AND WORRIED ABOUT ME EACH TIME, SO YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME NOT TO PROTECT YOU.

...WHAT IS THIS. IT FEELS SO STRANGE,

MY HEART IS BEATING LIKE CRAZY... I CAN'T STOP IT...